



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2015-0688; FRL-9947-01-OEI]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements for Allegations of Significant Adverse Reactions to Human Health or the Environment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted the following information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act: “Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements for Allegations of Significant Adverse Reactions to Human Health or the Environment” (EPA ICR No. 1031.11, OMB Control No. 2070-0017). This is a request to renew the approval of an existing ICR, which is currently approved through September 30, 2016. EPA did not receive any comments in response to the previously provided public review opportunity issued in the Federal Register of March 10, 2016 (81 FR 12730). With this submission, EPA is providing an additional 30 days for public review.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before *[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]*.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2015-0688, to both EPA and OMB as follows:

- To EPA online using <http://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method) or by mail

to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460, and

- To OMB via email to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov. Address comments to *OMB Desk Officer for EPA*.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colby Lintner, Environmental Assistance Division (7408M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; email address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Docket: Supporting documents, including the ICR that explains in detail the information collection activities and the related burden and cost estimates that are summarized in this document, are available in the docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov> or in person at the EPA Docket Center, West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is (202) 566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

ICR status: This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on September 30, 2016. Under OMB regulations, the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB.

Under PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq., an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers for certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: TSCA section 8(c) requires companies that manufacture, process, or distribute chemicals to maintain records of significant adverse reactions to health or the environment alleged to have been caused by such chemicals. Since section 8(c) includes no automatic reporting provision, EPA can obtain and use the information contained in company files only by inspecting those files or requiring reporting of records that relate to specific substances of concern. Therefore, under certain conditions, and using the provisions found in 40 CFR part 717, EPA may require companies to report such allegations to the Agency.

EPA uses such information on a case-specific basis to corroborate suspected adverse health or environmental effects of chemicals already under review by EPA. The information is also useful to identify trends of adverse effects across the industry that may not be apparent to any one chemical company. This ICR addresses the information reporting and recordkeeping requirements found in 40 CFR part 717.

Respondents may claim all or part of a notice as CBI. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a CBI claim only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in 40 CFR part 2.

Form Numbers: None.

Respondents/affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this ICR are companies

that manufacture, process, import, or distribute in commerce chemical substances or mixtures.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory; see 40 CFR part 717.

Estimated number of respondents: 13,160 (total).

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Total estimated burden: 25,527 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: \$1,911,471 (per year), includes \$0 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is a decrease of 1,405 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This decrease is due to EPA's estimate of fewer potential respondents affected by the reporting requirement.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.

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